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SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS ON COFFEE SALES

REF: STATE 111015

1. ALTHOUGH COFFEE SALES HAD STOPPED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT THREE WEEKS BECAUSE OF UNCERTAIN PRICES, BURUNDI HAS DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS BEEN WRITING ONCE AGAIN FUTURES ON ITS 1977-78 COFFEE HARVEST WHICH IS TO BEGIN IN JUNE.

2. BURUNDI HAS SOLD ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF ITS EXPECTED 21,000 TONS PRODUCTION. IT IS UNLIKELY TO SEE MUCH MORE BEFORE THE HARVEST GETS UNDERWAY, HOWEVER, NOT BECAUSE IT EXPECTS PRICES TO DROP CONSIDERABLY BUT BECAUSE IT WRITES ITS FUTURE CONTRACTS ACCORDING TO COFFEE QUALITY, AND BURUNDI DOES NOT WANT TO CONTRACT FOR MORE SALES OF 3A QUALITY COFFEE THAN IT IS LIKELY TO PRODUCE.

LAST YEAR, MORE CONTRACTS FOR 3A COFFEE WERE WRITTEN THAN HAD SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN HARVESTED, THE RESULT BEING THAT BURUNDI EMBARRASSINGLY HAD TO RENEGOTIATE SOME OF THE CONTRACTS TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE BUYERS.

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